Telephone facilities in the Offices of Gram Panchayats

1531. **Shri M. M. Jacob** : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the offices in many regions of Gram Panchayats are not yet provided with telephone facilities ;

(b) if so, the estimated number of such panchayat offices ; and

(c) by when those panchayat offices are likely to be provided with telephone facilities to make their functioning more effective ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 1,87,393 Nos. of Gram Panchayats are not having Telephone facilities.

(c) These Panchayat Offices are likely to be provided with Telephone facilities by the end of 8th Five Year Plan.

आतंकवादियों के बारे में सूचना देने के लिए प्रोत्साहन

1532. **श्री विश्वासराव रामराव पाटिल** : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार आतंकवादियों को गिरफ्तार कराने में सहायता करने अथवा इस संबंध में कोई संकेत देने वाले व्यक्तियों को कोई प्रोत्साहन या पुरस्कार देने का विचार रखती है ;

(ख) [illegible] या उसका ब्योरा क्या है ; और

(ग) क्या सरकार इन लोगों को उचित सुरक्षा प्रदान करने का भी विचार रखती है ?

गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुबोध कान्त सहाय) : (क) से (ग) "लोक व्यवस्था" राज्य का विषय होने के कारण सूचना एकत्र करने के लिये विभिन्न ग्राम या गोपनीय तरीके अपनाना, सूचना एकत्र करने के लिये आसूचना तंत्र को मजबूत करना और कानून और व्यवस्था की स्थिति को सुधारने के लिये ठोस उपाय करना राज्य सरकार का काम है । इस संबंध में जब कभी आवश्यक होता है, केन्द्र सरकार राज्य सरकार को सभी संभव सहायता प्रदान करती है ।

Complaint against ASI, police post Subzi Mandi Delhi

1533. SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any complaint against ASI of Police Post Subzi Mandi, Delhi for beating people on 10th March, 1990:

(b) whether Monority Welfare Association and Shahi Imam of Jama Masjid has also complained against this incident to Commissioner of Police, Delhi;

(c) if so, the action taken thereon:

(d) whether the ASI, has not been transferred since then; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY) : (a) The complaint was against certain police officials (including ASI) of P.S. Adarsh Nagar.

(b) The complaint was referred by Naib Shahi Imam of Jama Masjid

(c) On enquiry the complaint was not substantiated.

(d) No, Sir

(e) Does not arise

Telecasting of 'Progress in Pakistan' by Delhi Doordarshan

1534 SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Doordarshan had recently telecast the programme 'Progress in Pakistan'; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P UPENDRA) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, a programme titled "First Year of Democracy" was telecast by Doordarshan on 22-3-1990. The programme was received through Ministry of External Affairs and telecast under their advice, after being suitably edited, to mark the National Day of Pakistan. A similar programme was telecast last year also.

Medical Superintendent NDMC Hospital

1535. SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in a case of alleged misappropriation of public funds, the Central Vigilance Commission had held the Medical Superintendent of NDMC hospital guilty and had recommended recovery of money in January, 1989;

(b) whether it is also a fact that instead of taking action the NDMC has been referring the case again and again to the Central Vigilance Commission for review;

(c) whether it is also a fact that some more complaints of alleged misappropriation are pending inquiry by the CVC and Vigilance Department of NDMC against the same officer; and

(d) if so, the reasons for avoiding action against the corrupt official?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY):(a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Difficulties in renewal of passports and visas in USA

1536. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the report appearing in Tribune dated 22-12-89 regarding the difficulties and harassment faced by the persons trying to renew their passports and get visas at the Indian Consulate in USA; and

(b) if so, what remedial steps have been taken by Government to streamline the working of the Indina Conulatein USA?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) (i) A high level team visited Consulate General of India New York and consequently one India-based officer was transferred to Delhi and another removed from the Visa Section. Besides 8 of the 16 locally recruited staff in the Consular Section were either dismissed or redeployed.

(ii) In respect of Indian Embassy. Washington, Consulate Generals in